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Welcome to...

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The weekly e-newsletter from First Presbyterian Church

This Week's Pulse

Wednesday, March 6

MaxSold P2P Online Auction through 8:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, March 8

No events scheduled.

Saturday, March 9

10:45 a.m. 12:45 p.m. MaxSold P2P Auction Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, March 10 (*Childcare available)

Easter flower orders due

8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP with Rev. Doug Hagler - onsite with childcare and online - [FPC YouTube Channel](#)

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

12:00 p.m. Bread for the World Letter-Writing (Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Old Library)

12:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Choir Room)

Monday, March 11

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

12:30 p.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FEATURED EVENT



People to People Online Auction
Click. Bid. SOLD!

The current MaxSold People to People Auction will conclude this evening, Wednesday, March 6th. Check out all the items from Phillies gear, jewelry, keyboard, toys, glassware and much, much more! Place bids now at <https://bit.ly/P2PFebMarAuction> or scan the QR code. Pick up will be in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 9th, from 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM. Enjoy looking and the thrill of bidding! Thank you for your support, *People to People*.



THIS SUNDAY



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Remember to change your clocks one hour forward this weekend. Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 AM this Sunday, March 10th.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study Group continues their Lenten study of the Gospel of Luke being guided by the book, "*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*", by Adam Hamilton. The group will Zoom at a special 8:00 AM start time for this Sunday, 3/10. Please contact [Sue Casey](#) for more details.

WORSHIP SERVICE with Childcare: Join fellow congregants in-person or online this Sunday for the 10:30 AM service with Rev. Doug Hagler. If watching from home, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) for the livestream video and follow along with the bulletin found here - <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/bulletins/>

MERRY RINGERS BELL CHOIR: Enjoy the sounds of FPC's handbell choir during our worship service this Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Learning takes place during the worship service. Students will process out of the sanctuary after the Children's Sermon to the upstairs classrooms. Sessions will conclude when the worship service ends. For more information and/or to express interest in volunteering, please contact Jeff McLaughlin at church or email him at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com. Thanks!

EASTER FLOWERS: Last call! Orders for Easter flowers are due this Sunday, March 10th. Hyacinth, tulip, and daffodil plants can be ordered through church at \$9.00 each. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 AM worship service. Please use the order form in Sunday's bulletin or visit <https://bit.ly/easterflowers2024>.

LETTER-WRITING: To Kids and Adults, there will be a Bread for the World Letter-Writing event this Sunday, March 10th, in the Parlor at 12:00 PM after the worship service. We will be advocating for the passage of the Farm Bill and reminding government leaders to support this legislation, which includes funding for SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), a new fresh fruits and vegetables initiative, and other nutrition-related programs. Adults and older children will write letters, and our youngest advocates can draw and color pictures to be included with the mailings. If you wish to write letters on your own, some background information and a sample letter will be in Sunday's bulletin. Please plan to bring your letters to church on Sunday, March 17 (or deliver them to the office beforehand), when we will bless and dedicate our Offering of Letters.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The newly formed Children's Choir will have a rehearsal this Sunday, March 10th, in the choir room after the worship service at 12:00 PM. The young voices will be preparing a special Easter Sunday song selection.

PUB THEOLOGY: The next Pub Theology night will be this Sunday, March 10th, at 7:00 PM at The Foodery (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking

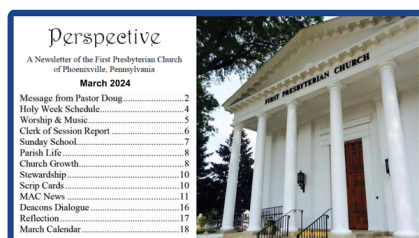
NOTABLES



PANTRY

**March
FPC Food Drive**

During the month of **March**, FPC will be collecting food and money for the **Phoenixville Area Community Services** (PACS). Their mission is to be the lead resource for food insecurity in our community.



The **March** issue of the **Perspective** newsletter is now available online. To read or download a copy, visit <https://fpcphoenixville.org/publications/newsletters/>.



Saturday, **March 23rd**, will be the next **Garage Sale** for People to People. Help is always needed prior to and the day of the sale. Help is needed: **Wed 3/20** at 12:30 to set up tables

Food donation boxes are positioned throughout the church. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office or during a Sunday service. Visit the PACS website for a list of specific items needed -

<https://www.pacsphx.org/donate-goods>. Plan now and consider using scrip cards to purchase your donations.

Wed 3/20 at 5 - 7 PM to bring out items

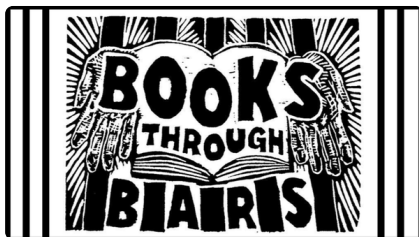
Thurs 3/21 from 9 AM - 12 to arrange clothing & items

Fri 3/22 from 9 AM - 12 to finish set up

Sat 3/23 from 7:45 AM - 1 PM for sale

Sat 3/23 from 12:30 - 2 PM for clean up

Please bring in donations no later than Thursday, **March 14th**, so they can be sorted and the set up can begin the next week. Contact Sandy Heidel at csheidel@verizon.net if you can help, even for an hour. This is a great support for the People to People ministry of our church. Much appreciated!



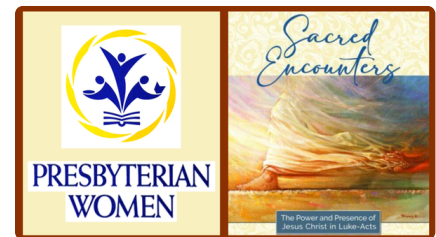
The next **Books Through Bars** volunteer trip will be Saturday, **March 16th**. Registration to volunteer is available via SignUp Genius -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AADA722A1FB6-47254630-books>, or call

Maggie O'Malley in the main office (610-933-8816) for assistance with sign-up. Please indicate if you are willing to share with driving. Volunteers will meet in the **church parking lot** at **10:30 AM** and return by 2:30 PM. Thanks in advance for your help with this meaningful ministry!



All **men of FPC** and friends are invited to meet in the main office after worship on Sunday, **March 17th**. Join Pastor Doug and the Men's Group for a lunch outing!



FPC's Women's Circle will meet at **12 noon** in the **Parlor** on Sunday, **March 17th**. This gathering will include a brief video presentation and discussion relating to the study of *Sacred Encounters - The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. Bring a snack or lunch. Bring your thoughts to share. All ladies are welcome to join in this fellowship and study session!



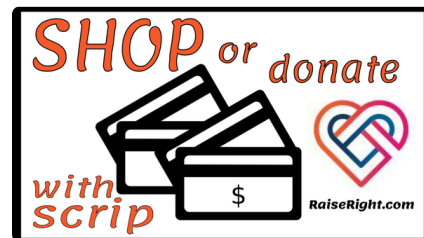
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Offerings will be received throughout Lent,
with a special dedication on April 7th.
Thank you!

"One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help neighbors in need around the world. This offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food scarcity, injustice, and oppression. **This Lent**, you are invited to give generously for these causes. Envelopes are in your offering boxes, in the narthex and church office. You may also send a check with **OGHS** noted as the memo. Offerings will be received throughout Lent with a special dedication on the Sunday after Easter, April 7th. Together we can once again help change the lives of many. Thank you for your life changing offering!



Last May, we kicked off a **Capital Campaign** with the purpose of funding repairs to the sanctuary and roof. These repairs were necessary for us to safely return to worship together in the sanctuary. We appreciate all who have already donated and pledged. To date, more than 40% of our goal of \$160,000 has been donated. Every contribution helps secure the financial security and the future of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not yet pledged to this campaign, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so in the coming weeks and months. **It is not too late.** This effort will continue through the month of May. Pledge cards and envelopes are located in the narthex and the church office. We thank you for your continued support and commitment to our church.
The Stewardship Committee



March dates for **Scrip Orders** are on **Mondays**, the **11th**, and **25th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to brettdrew@comcast.net. We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

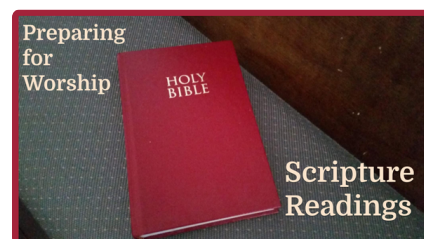


FPC's Holy Week Schedule is as follows:

Palm/Passion Sunday
Communion Worship Service
March 24th at 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday
Prayer Service



The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's **Lenten Devotional** offers guidance for prayers and reflection this season. To download a copy, visit the seminary's website at <https://www.pts.edu/devotional>



Prepare for Sunday's worship service by [clicking here](#) for the readings.
Numbers 21:4-9
and
John 3:14-21

March 28th at 7:30 pm

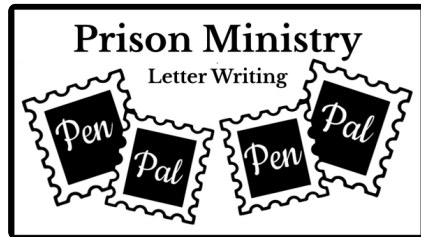
Easter Sunday

Worship Service & Egg Hunt

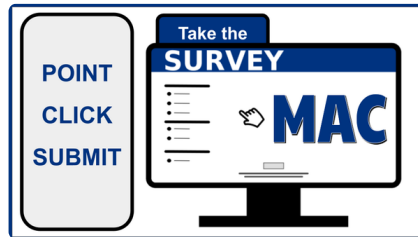
March 31st at 10:30 am

Egg Hunt - Church Lawn after
the service

1. A few hard copies are
available in the main office.
Audio links are also available
on the webpage for your
convenience.



After receiving a few responses from our holiday card-writing campaign to incarcerated individuals, we would like to start a pen-pal group. If you are interested in being a **Pen Pal** to a person incarcerated in Pennsylvania, have any questions, or would like more information on being a Pen Pal, please get in touch with Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.



MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this **short survey** to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Sunday, **March 31st** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!



The **gratitude journaling** prompt for the month of **March** is, "How do you show kindness to yourself?" If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know, and we can let you share during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!



Thank you to those who made meals and sides for our week at St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter. **St. Mary's is hiring!** St Mary's Franciscan Shelter for homeless families is seeking a live-in house manager to oversee the shelter's operation Monday-Friday from 9:30 PM – 9:00 AM (includes sleep time, room and board, and a stipend). Holiday and additional hours might also be



As part of its **speaker series**, **Ursinus College** will host Professor Jeffrey Kopstein, Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of California, Irvine. The event will be held in Pfahler Auditorium on Tuesday, **March 12th**, at **7:00 PM**. In his research, Professor Kopstein focuses on interethnic violence, voting patterns of minorities, antisemitism, and



Now **through April 30th**, Schuylkill Township is running a recycling program for **jeans and socks**. The Township is partnering with TerraCycle through their GoldToe Socks Recycling Program and Zappos for Good collaboration with Cotton's Blue Jeans Go Green program. Our People to People clothing sorters have started bagging some items already. Please check your clothing

available. If you want to serve families facing homelessness and are willing to engage in the shelter's life, please contact Elsa Haile at 610-933-3097 or check [Indeed.com](https://indeed.com). A complete job description is available upon request by emailing smfs@stmarysfs.org. To learn more about their mission, please visit <https://stmarysfs.org/>.

anti-liberal tendencies in civil society, especially those relating to European and Russian Jewish history. If you are interested in attending and continuing the conversation at a local restaurant afterward, please contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

drawers and closets for jeans and socks to bring to church to donate. Your used items can be any color and, in any condition so long as they are **clean**. [Barbie Kepler](#) will deliver the donations to the Schuylkill Township drop-off location. Please let her know if you have any questions about this recycling effort.

Sunday's Sermon

FPC Sermon 03-03-2024



Happy Birthday

Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in March!

March 1: Jeanie Osterhoudt

March 2: Joshua Carlino,
Olivia Drummond

March 4: Adam Deveney,
Pam Hagler

March 7: Ayden Mandrusiak

March 11: Sandy Heidel

March 14: Chris Roussey

March 15: Holly Kennedy,
Sandra Parrish

March 16: Fenner Gulden

March 17: Nancy Cockerill,
Mark Morabito

March 18: Lew Osterhoudt

March 20: Amelia Mincavage,
Luke Walker

March 26: Alexander Pehlman,
Adam Smith

March 30: Michael Morabito

March 31: Amy Ellis



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